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OPA Daily Digest for 9/12/13

Congressional Inquiries:

None

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

DTN/Progressive Farmer – Todd Neeley – 9/12/13: Requested livestock producer's perspective of Iowa CAFO work plan agreement. Referred him to Bill Couser/Dal Grooms with the Iowa Cattlemen Association and contacted Dal Grooms. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

Iowa Farmer Today – Gene Lucht – 9/12/13: Interviewed the regional administrator about the Iowa CAFO work plan agreement. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

Kansas Public Radio – Bryan Thompson – 9/12/13: Requested contact for Black Health Care Coalition for potential story on EJ Small Grants. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (closed)

KMOX Radio, St. Louis – Kevin Killeen – 9/12/13: Questions about West Lake Landfill Superfund Site at Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Environmental Stories:

Drovers CattleNetwork - EPA, Iowa DNR reach CAFO agreement - 9/11/13 - In an ongoing battle, fueled by activist groups, EPA has reached an agreement with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to make changes to Iowa's Clean Water Act (CWA) permit and compliance program for concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs). <http://www.cattlenetwork.com/cattle-news/latest/EPA-iowa-DNR-reach-CAFO-agreement-223361301.html>

Des Moines Register - Oversight of large-scale livestock farms to increase in Iowa | EPA, Iowa DNR reach agreement on how to enforce the Clean Water Act (updated) - 9/12/13 - State and federal environmental protection officials reached an agreement Wednesday that will lead to at least 3,200 large livestock operations in Iowa being inspected, according to the groups pushing for stricter enforcement. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20130912/BUSINESS01/309120078/0/opinion01/>

Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier - Iowa agrees with EPA to boost farm inspections - 9/11/13 - Iowa officials will inspect more livestock farms and strictly enforce penalties when manure leaks into rivers or streams under a federal agreement signed Wednesday stemming from a yearslong dispute about enforcing the U.S. Clean Water Act.

http://wcfcourier.com/news/state-and-regional/iowa/iowa-agrees-with-epa-to-boost-farm-inspections/article_aa3aa087-1b2d-58b6-9d6c-81339eeb83bd.html

Brownfield Ag News - Iowa, EPA reach NPDES agreement - 9/11/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reached an agreement with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to make changes in Iowa's Clean Water Act (CWA) permit and compliance program for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs).

<http://brownfieldagnews.com/2013/09/11/iowa-epa-reach-npdes-agreement/>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Environmentalists, industry back new Missouri water quality standards (updated) - 9/11/13 - Environmentalists and industry groups differ on some aspects of a proposal to vastly expand the number of Missouri rivers, streams and lakes protected from E. coli bacteria and other toxic pollutants.

http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/political-fix/environmentalists-industry-back-new-missouri-water-quality-standards/article_2d312872-ddf8-5d3d-a898-ab45813b4c8f.html

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Mo. lawmakers override veto on lead lawsuit bill - 9/12/13 - A Missouri lead mining company has won a shield against large legal judgments as a result of a veto override by state lawmakers. http://www.stltoday.com/news/state-and-regional/missouri/mo-house-backs-veto-override-on-lead-lawsuit-bill/article_2b9994a7-7ff9-5fa2-aee4-f407bfc7702.html

Parsons Sun (Kan.) - City seeks grant for EPA project - 9/12/13 - The Parsons City Commission took a step action to acquire \$500, 000 to help the city comply with a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency order during a Wednesday work session. <http://goo.gl/3yPcvd>

Parsons Sun (Kan.) - Judge grants Erie's request for injunction - 9/11/13 - A Neosho County District judge ruled in favor of the city of Erie's request for a preliminary injunction against Westar Energy recently. The lawsuit seeks to make the electric utility pay for EPA required upgrades to the energy center. <http://goo.gl/pkFjl>

Ozarks Public Radio (KSMU - Springfield, Mo.) - EPA Gives Schools a Link to 'Healthy Schools Toolkit' - 9/11/13 - According to the EPA's website, more than 53 million children and nearly 6 million adults spend a significant part of their day in America's schools. So it's no surprise that the agency would try to help school officials, parents and students understand environmental safety in school buildings. <http://ksmu.org/article/epa-gives-schools-link-healthy-schools-toolkit-67916>

Associated Press - Hydroelectric Power Makes Big Comeback at US Dams - 9/12/13 - A power company wants to build a hydroelectric plant at Iowa's Lake Red Rock — a project that reflects renewed interest in hydropower nationwide, which could bring changes to scores of American dams. <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/hydroelectric-power-makes-big-comeback-us-dams-20231753>

Kansas City Business Journal - Missouri may finally comply with U.S. water quality standards - 9/12/13 - It will be a few years, at least, before Missouri rivers, streams and lakes will comply with the 40-year-old federal Clean Water Act, but legislators are moving efforts forward. http://www.bizjournals.com/kansascity/blog/morning_call/20

Wichita Business Journal - Hydraulic fracturing helps boost oil production numbers in Kansas, nationwide - 9/12/13 - U.S. oil production is at its highest level in nearly a quarter-century. The Energy Information Administration says hydraulic fracturing helped push crude oil output up by 124,000 barrels to 7.75 million barrels per day. <http://www.bizjournals.com/wichita/blog/2013/09/hydraulic-fracturing-helps-boost-oil.html>

Businessweek - Coal Industry Cries Foul Over Obama Rules Restricting Carbon - 9/12/13 - Representatives of coal-intensive utilities and coal-producing regions said that President Barack Obama would effectively outlaw construction of new power plants using the fuel with pending environmental rules. <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2013-09-11/obama-said-to-ban-new-coal-plants-without-costly-carbon-controls>

Wall Street Journal - It's Manchin v. Markey on EPA Coal Rules - 9/12/13 - Sens. Manchin and Markey are both Democrats, but that's where the similarities end when it comes to the Obama administration's new rules on coal-fired power plants. <http://blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2013/09/12/its-manchin-v-markey-on-epa-coal-rules/>

Bloomberg - Obama said to ban new coal plants without carbon controls - 9/12/13 - New coal plants would need to install expensive equipment to capture carbon emissions under rules EPA is close to issuing. Scheduled for release on Sept. 20, the rules are a revision of a similar proposal from last year that met with stiff opposition from utilities and coal

producers. http://www.sfttoday.com/business/local/obama-said-to-ban-new-coal-plants-without-carbon-controls/article_db606c92-959c-5785-a9a6-eab661e2107c.html

Washington Post - EPA to revise climate rule for new power plants; will still require carbon capture - 9/11/13 - This month, the Environmental Protection Agency will propose standards that will establish stricter pollution limits for gas-fired power plants than coal-fired power plants. The revised rule, which would impose greenhouse gas limits on power plants for the first time, will still require utilities to install costly carbon controls on coal plants. http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/epa-to-revise-climate-rule-for-new-power-plants-will-still-require-carbon-capture/2013/09/11/89a78558-1b1e-11e3-a628-7e6dde8f889d_story.html

The Hill - Utilities fret about 'unrealistic' emissions rules - 9/11/13 - Electric utilities are concerned that limits on greenhouse gas emissions from new power plants will be set at "unrealistic" levels. <http://thehill.com/blogs/regwatch/pending-regs/321607-utilities-weigh-in-on-power-plant-emissions-rule>

The Atlantic Wire - Mitt Romney Warned You, Twice: Obama's War on Coal Continues - 9/11/13 - It's been fewer than three months since President Obama pledged to limit pollution from coal power plants. A new report suggests those rules, curbing emissions from new plants, are imminent and include a de facto prohibition on the facilities. In other words: Mitt Romney was right — and not for the first time. <http://www.theatlanticwire.com/politics/2013/09/mitt-romney-warned-you-twice-crackdown-coal-continues/69306/>

Inside EPA - Industries Push EPA To Craft 'Realistic' Utility GHG Rules - 9/11/13 - Manufacturers, power consumers and fuel producers are formally requesting EPA give them maximum input on the design of the agency's greenhouse gas (GHG) standards for existing and new power plants to ensure the rules are "realistic" and achievable, ahead of EPA's expected release of a revised GHG rule for new power facilities next week. <http://insideepa.com/201309112446431/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/industries-push-epa-to-craft-realistic-utility-ghg-rules/menu-id-97.html>

BNA - Iowa, EPA Reach Agreement to Tighten Enforcement on Animal Feeding Operations - 9/12/13 - The Iowa Department of Natural Resources will conduct on-site inspections of large concentrated animal feeding operations that contain at least 1,000 beef cattle or at least 2,500 hogs, as part of an agreement reached Sept. 11 with the Environmental Protection Agency. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36405986&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1p5w7y2&split=0

National Journal - EPA Documents Raise Doubts Over Intent of New Nuclear-Response Guide - 9/11/13 - Newly obtained government documents are prompting concern among critics that Environmental Protection Agency officials are seeking to use the organization's new guide for nuclear-incident response to relax public health standards, but the agency is denying the claim. <http://www.nationaljournal.com/global-security-newswire/epa-documents-raise-doubts-over-intent-of-new-nuclear-response-guide-20130911>

Environment News Service - EPA Chemist Who Revealed Twin Towers Toxic Dust Fired – Again - 9/11/13 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency scientist who first revealed the dangers of toxic dust at the World Trade Center disaster site has received a second notice of proposed removal from her job more than a year after a federal civil service court ordered her returned to work. <http://ens-newswire.com/2013/09/11/epa-chemist-who-revealed-twin-towers-toxic-dust-fired-again/>

Society of Environmental Journalists - Lisa Jackson Emails: Transparency Crisis or Political Nothingburger? - 9/12/13 - Is the Republican ballyhoo over "secondary" email addresses used by officials at US EPA and other agencies truly a legitimate issue of "transparency"? Or is it a manufactured scandal intended to inflict political damage on the opposing party? <http://www.sej.org/publications/watchdog-tipsheet/lisa-jackson-emails-transparency-crisis-or-political-nothingburger>

Huffington Post - Senate Takes Up Bipartisan Energy Efficiency Legislation - 9/11/13 - The Senate is debating a bipartisan energy bill this week that if passed would become the first substantial energy legislation in six years. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/09/11/energy-efficiency-legislation_n_3909361.html

Quartz - Why the next great leap forward in lighting looks so last century - 9/11/13 - LED company Cree this week pulled the covers off potentially ground-breaking lighting technology that could save billions of dollars annually in electricity costs and slash the average home's greenhouse gas emissions. <http://qz.com/122745/cree-led-lighting-incandescents/>

E&E News PM - Audit faults EPA oversight of 'conditional registrations' - 9/10/13 - U.S. EPA must improve monitoring of its system for approving pesticides in light of concerns about a so-called loophole that allows some substances to go through without proper review, the Government Accountability Office said in a new report. <http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/stories/1059987014/feed>

Greenwire - Obama climate push makes environmental justice a 'mainstream' issue -- McCarthy - 9/11/13 - U.S. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy said today that she plans to use her agency's focus on climate change as an opportunity to bring the environmental justice effort to the forefront. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059987076>

Mother Jones - 1 Percent of America's Power Plants Emit 33 Percent of Energy Industry's Carbon - 9/11/13 - Less than 1 percent of US power plants produce nearly a third of the energy industry's carbon emissions, according to a new report released Tuesday. <http://www.motherjones.com/blue-marble/2013/09/50-dirtiest-power-plants-us>

Gristmill - Let's fight the 1 percent — of power plants - 9/12/13 - It's time to target the 1 percent. We're talking about the nearly 1 percent of American power plants — 50 of them, all fueled by coal — that produce 30 percent of the U.S. power sector's climate-changing pollution. <http://grist.org/news/lets-fight-the-1-percent-of-power-plants/>

BNA - Health, Policy Advocates File Briefs In Support of EPA's Cross-State Rule - 9/12/13 - Public health and policy advocates urged the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to curb interstate transmission of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides from power plants in friend-of-the-court briefs filed Sept. 11. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36405978&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1p5u4j5&split=0

BNA - House to Consider Short-Term Continuing Resolution During Week of Sept. 16 - 9/12/13 - House leadership will delay consideration of a continuing resolution (H.J. Res. 59) to fund the federal government past Sept. 30 until the week of Sept. 16, two Republican aides told Bloomberg BNA. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36405984&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1p5w5n2&split=0

BNA - EPA Said Close to Proposing Ban on New Coal-Fired Plants Without Carbon Controls - 9/12/13 - New coal-burning power plants would need to install equipment to limit greenhouse gas emissions under a proposal the Environmental Protection Agency is close to issuing, according to people familiar with the plan. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36405991&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1q0g6h3&split=0

BNA - Whitfield Working on Bill to Establish Guidelines for EPA's Carbon Dioxide Rules - 9/12/13 - Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-Ky.) told Bloomberg BNA Sept. 11 he has been working for four months on legislation that would set guidelines for the Environmental Protection Agency on how to implement carbon dioxide limits for new power plants. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36405975&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1p3x1e1&split=0

BNA - OMB Reviewing EPA's Determinations On Regulating Contaminants of Concern - 9/12/13 - The White House Office of Management and Budget is reviewing Environmental Protection Agency determinations on whether to issue rules for contaminants of concern found in drinking water. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36405961&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1p3k7x6&split=0

BNA - Updated EPA Guidance on Oil Spills Seeks To Establish 'Nationally Consistent' Program - 9/12/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency has released updated guidance to assist regional inspectors in implementing a "nationally consistent understanding" of the oil spill prevention, control and compliance (SPCC) program, and to clarify the roles of regional inspectors in reviewing a facility's spill prevention plans and compliance with the program. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36405977&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1p5u0x1&split=0

BNA - House Version of Water Infrastructure Bill Would Reform Authorization, Speed Process - 9/12/13 - The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee rolled out its Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013 (H.R. 3080) with an emphasis on regulatory streamlining and a requirement for congressional approval of each water infrastructure project. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36405992&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1q0g7a3&split=0

Inside EPA - Groups Spar Over EPA's Implementation Of Systematic Review For IRIS - 9/12/13 - Industry and environmental groups are sparring over how EPA's influential Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) program should implement systematic review, an evolving literature review and analysis process EPA is considering adopting to improve its chemical assessment program. <http://insideepa.com/201309122446559/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/groups-spar-over-epas-implementation-of-systematic-review-for-iris/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - On Eve Of NSPS, EPA Reaffirms Support For Carbon Capture In GHG Policy - 9/12/13 - EPA's acting air chief Janet McCabe says that carbon capture and

sequestration (CCS) technology is part of the agency's approach to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. <http://insideepa.com/201309122446588/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/on-eve-of-nsp-epa-reaffirms-support-for-carbon-capture-in-ghg-policy/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - McCarthy Vows To Expand Equity Considerations In EPA Decisionmaking - 9/12/13 - EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy is vowing to greatly expand the agency's environmental justice work started by her predecessor Lisa Jackson by restructuring the agency's grants program to include a greater equity focus. <http://insideepa.com/201309122446557/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/mccarthy-vows-to-expand-equity-considerations-in-epa-decisionmaking/menu-id-95.html>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

Environmental Justice Grants Totaling \$88,200 Awarded to Kansas City, St. Louis, Mo., and Wichita, Kan., Organizations – 9/11/13 – Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

9/13/13 – Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

10/8/13 – Children's Health Month – EJ Small Grants Kick-Off Event, TBD. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555

10/10/13 – Choteau Gateway Discussion with St. Louis Mayor, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

10/15/13 - 2013 Fall Water Symposium, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

10/29-30/13 - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

11/15/13 – R7 Senior Management Retreat, National Archives at Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

DRA:

10/29-30/13 - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference - Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

None

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

9/10 - 13/13 – EJ Coordinators Meeting and NEJAC, Atlanta, Ga. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649, and Tamara Freeman, 7094

9/24 - 25/13 – EJ Small Grant Coordinators Workshop, Arlington, Va. Contact: Brendan Corazzin, 7429

10/9/13 – Black Health Care Coalition EJ Small Grant Kick Off, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649

11/1/2013 – EJ Presentation at Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

None

SUPR

None

WWPD

9/9-13/13 – Nebraska Health and Human Services End of Year Commitments Program Review, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Ken Deason, 7585

9/10-12/13 – EPA Water Division Directors Meeting, Alexandria, Va. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

9/11/13 – Missouri Clean Water Commission Meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: John DeLashmit, 7821, Bob Angelo, 7060, Ann Lavaty, 7370

9/13/13 – KU WaterWorks keynote address, Lawrence, Kan. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

9/16/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

9/16-20/13 – Sanitary Survey Training, Mt Pleasant, Mich. Contact: Kimberly Willis, 7069

9/16-17/13 - Mitigation Banking compliance site visits in Owego and Missouri Valley, Iowa. Contact: Jason Daniels, 7443

9/18/13 - Missouri Water Enforcement Association, Stormwater/Watershed Management Conference, Columbia, Mo. Contacts: Tabatha Adkins, 7128, Bruce Perkins, 7067

9/22-26/13 – Ground Water Protection Council meeting with other state Primacy Agencies, St. Louis, Mo. Contacts: Mary Tietjen-Mindrup, 7431, Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

9/23/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

9/30/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

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